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DISASTROUS FIRE

Old Temporary Court House Building Burned Tuesday morning, Marlinton Journal Office Greatly Damaged.

About three o'clock Tuesday morning, February 21, 1928, the big building at the corner of Court Street and Fourth Avenue, known as the Temporary Court House, was discovered to be on fire. An alarm was made, and the firemen turned out promptly for a stubborn fight of a couple of hours. The building was pretty well destroyed, though the four wall still stand. The fire is thought to have started from a flue.

The property is owned by L. S. Cochran of Cass. His loss is several thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance.

This was a large double building. One of the first floor rooms was rented by the Board of Education for a school room and was used for the first grade pupils. The center

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bricks This loss is partially covered
by insurance. Fortunately the very
expensive linotype machine was so
placed that it could be protected, and
it suffered little or no damage. A
large stock of paper and stationery
was a complete loss. Mr. Lancaster
has secured quarters in the Greer
building, and the Journal will appear
as usual this week, though a day or
two late.

The second story was cut up into
living rooms. Mrs. E. C. Cochran
had an apartment there, as did Ira
H. Irvine and Ezra Irvine. The loss
of the Irvine Brothers is something
like \$2,000 with \$500 insurance.

The building burned Tuesday
morning was one of the first to be
erected in the town of Marlinton.
The development company built it,
to be used as the court house until a
permanent one could be erected. It
was used as the court house for per-
haps three years. Since then it has
had many tenants and it has been
occupied by drug stores, printing
offices, restaurants, jewelry shops,
and other things.